Export of White Sugar

748. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow export of white sugar against raw sugar imported under advance license;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are facing shortage of raw sugarcane in the country;

(d) if so, where from Government will import the raw sugarcane and in what quantity; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Import of raw materials including Raw Sugar is allowed under Advance License Scheme for value addition and export.

(b) The details of Advance Licensees for import of raw sugar against export of white sugar issued during the period 1.4.2005 to 31.10.2005 is as follows:-

(i) Number of Advance Licenses issued-41

(ii) Quantity of raw sugar allowed for import-11,63,121.500 MTs for a total CIF value of Rs. 1091,34,33,259.86

The importers of raw sugar under Advance License Scheme are subject to actual user conditions and export white sugar as per the export obligation enjoined upon them within the stipulated period. Further, exports of sugar are undertaken by sugar factories as per their commercial prudence. Statistics on production and consumption and stock of sugar obtained from the Department of Food and Ministry of Agriculture is given in the statement. (See below)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Statement

Production Consumption and Stock of Sugar

The production during the last 2004-05 season has been of the order of 130.00 lakh tones as against 139.58 lakh tones during the 2003-04 season.

However, during 2005-06 sugar season, the production of sugar is estimated to be around 180.00 lakh tones. The increase in sugar production during the current sugar season is due to good monsoon and increase in sugarcane area under cultivation.

Sugar Budget showing carry over stocks, production, total availability, internal consumption, exports and season ending stocks for the sugar seasons 2002-03 to 2005-06 are as under:-

(Quantity in lakh tones)

SI. No	Particulars	2002-2003	2003-2004 (Sugar Year)	2004-2005 (Sugar Year)	2005-2006 (Sugar Year) (E)
1.	Carry over stocks from Previous season	113.19	116.16	85.00	62.00**
2.	Production of Sugar	201.32	139.58	130.00	180.00
3.	Import of Sugar	0.41	5.53	20.74	N.A.
4.	Total availability	314.92	261.27	235.74	240.00
5.	Internal consumption	183.76	175.00	169.88	180.00
6.	Exports	15.00	2.94	0.98	5.00-10.00 (E)
7.	Closing stocks at the end of season	116.16	83.33	64.88(P)	50.00-55.00

"Adjustments made as per the Central Excise verified reports. (P) Provisional (E) Estimated

Promotion of Bilateral Trade by Pakistan

749. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether Pakistan has promised measures to step up bilateral trade with India, including an open sky policy and easing Visa restrictions;

(b) if so, the details thereof;